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SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ENTITIES OF
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTS IN SELECTED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

1. SUPPLEMENT TO STATE 66974 FOR FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
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GERMANY FOLLOWS.

2. MINISTRIES: FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INTERIOR, JUSTICE,
FINANCE; ECONOMICS; FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND FORESTRY; LABOR
AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS; DEFENSE; TRANSPORT POSTS AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS; REGIONAL PLANNING, BUILDING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT; INTRA-GERMAN RELATIONS; HEALTH, FAMILY AND

YOUTH QUESTIONS; EDUCATION AND SCIENCE; RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY; ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

3. OTHER NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES: FEDERAL RAILWAYS, POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION. FRG REPLY TO TFD/TD/792 STATES EACH OF THEM OPERATE UNDER "SPECIAL FUND OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND WITH AUTONOMOUS MANAGEMENT." IS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NONETHELESS ABLE TO CONTROL OR INFLUENCE THEIR PROCUREMENT POLICIES? WE HAVE LOOKED AT 1976 EDITION OF TASCHENBUCH DES OFFENTLICHEN, BUT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS ON IDENTITY OF IMPORTANT PURCHASING ENTITIES. WE WISH TO RELY ON EMBASSY FOR THIS INFORMATION.

4. FRG GOVERNMENT HAS CONTROLLING INTEREST OF FROM 20 TO 100 PERCENT IN SEVERAL MAJOR FIRMS. STATE HAS 40 PERCENT OWNERSHIP SHARE OF VOLKSWAGEN. SAIZGITTER, A STEEL PRODUCER, IS STATE-OWNED. STATE CONTROLS VEREINIGTE ALUMINUM WERKE, LARGEST ALUMINUM PRODUCER IN FRG. VEBA IS LARGEST STATE-OWNED FIRM IN FRG. PUBLIC OWNERSHIP SHARE OF LUFTHANSA IS 82.5 PERCENT, MAINLY MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (74.38 PERCENT). ARE THERE OTHER QUASI-PUBLIC ENTITIES NOT YET IDENTIFIED IN THE FIELDS OF TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ENERGY, INCLUDING ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION?
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5. FOREGOING IS BEST INFORMATION WE COULD DEVELOP WITHIN TIME CONSTRAINTS FOR GUIDANCE OF U.S. MTN NEGOTIATORS. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO FREELY AMEND AND ADD TO INFORMATION TO MAKE IT MORE USEFUL TO U.S. DELEGATION. SUCH INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ON CONTROL OR INFLUENCE FRG GOVERNMENT HAS OVER NATIONAL ENTITIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN "GREY" AREA THAT WE WANT TO SEE COVERED BY CODE, WOULD BE HELPFUL.

6. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTED TO COMMENT ON WHAT APPEARS AS LINK BETWEEN FEDERAL AND LAENDER MINISTRIES IN SUPPLY PROCUREMENTS. ARE PROCUREMENTS AT THESE LEVELS COMPLEMENTARY? ARE PURCHASING ENTITIES AT FRG AND LAENDER LEVELS GOVERNED BY SAME RULE (VERDINGUNGSORDNUNG FUR LEISTUNGEN) IN AWARD OF CONTRACTS? VANCE

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